



Exhibit No. 1

Date 3-21-07

Bill No. HJ1

TO: Chairman Weinberg and Members of the Senate Public Health Committee

FROM: Sandy Jankowski, Volunteer Advocate, AARP Montana

RE: **SUPPORT OF HJ 1, Urge Congress to reform health care system**

March 21, 2007

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Sandy Jankowski and I am a volunteer advocate representing AARP's 154,000 members in the state.

Recently, AARP launched a national campaign to promote broad-based, bi-partisan solutions to challenges facing our health care and financial security. AARP believes that all Americans should have access to affordable, quality health care. We believe all Americans should have access to affordable health care coverage, including prescription drugs and these costs should not burden future generations.

Bill Novelli, CEO of AARP, has said in his recent book that,

Fixing American's dysfunctional health-care system and improving the health of our citizens is not beyond our grasp. But will take more than just a little tinkering around the edges. To make health care work, and work well in today's world will require a national commitment to a transformative vision, one that expects nothing less than a healthier America in which people of every age and every social class can look forward to long and vigorous lives and top-quality care.

(Novelli, Bill. 50+: Igniting a Revolution to Reinvent America. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2006.)

Surveys of our members in Montana consistently show that health care reform is a top priority.

AARP Montana is dedicated to health care reform and we urge your support of HJ 1.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole. We have staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.